

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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~~A six-forward-speed, one-reverse-speed~~ An automatic speed change apparatus ~~comprises~~ including an input shaft [[100]], an intermediate shaft [[200]] and an output shaft [[300]] arranged in parallel, ~~the~~. The input shaft ~~100~~ being is coupled to the intermediate shaft [[200]] by counter gear sets ~~1, 2, 3~~ providing first, second and third drive paths, ~~the~~. The input shaft ~~100~~ being is provided with clutches ~~C2, C3~~ for engaging or disengaging the second and third drive paths and with a brake ~~B2~~, ~~the~~. The intermediate shaft ~~200~~ being is provided with a clutch [[C1]], a brake [[B1]] and a one-way clutch [[232]] for engaging [[or]], disengaging or braking the first or third drive path and with planetary gear sets ~~20, 30~~, ~~the~~ The first drive path being is coupled to a ring gear [[23]], the second drive path being is coupled to sun gears ~~21, 31~~, and the third drive path being is coupled to a planetary carrier ~~34, a~~. A planetary carrier [[24]] and a ring gear ~~33~~ being are connected to the intermediate shaft, and the intermediate shaft being is coupled to the output shaft by a fourth counter gear set.